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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 104 EXBD (ITEM 7.1.5): RESOLUTION ON
DISARMAMENT

REF: A) STATE 119750, B) STATE 116549, C) PARIS 14761

1. WORKING GROUP'S DR-7, ENTITLED "UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT" (SEE PARA 6 BELOW), WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE AT MAY 11 SESSION OF PROGRAM COMMISSION. DR WILL BE SENT TO PLENARY ALONG WITH FULL RECORD OF DEBATE WHICH SHOWS THAT DOCUMENT LACKS A GENUINE CONSENSUS.

2. IN INTRODUCING DR, WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN GOPAL (INDIA) APPEALED FOR CONSENSUS ADOPTION SAYING HE BELIEVED THAT TEXT SO DELICATELY BALANCED THAT WORK WOULD
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BE UNDONE IF ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO AMEND IT. HE NOTED "ERROR" IN PARA 8 REFERENCE TO UN DECISION ON DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, AND "CORRECTED" IT (WEO'S HAD BROUGHT THIS TO HIS ATTENTION BEFORE SESSION); HE HIGHLIGHTED WG'S ACCEPTANCE US AMENDMENT (PARA 13) WHICH ELIMINATED EARLIER SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATE EXBD MESSAGE TO SPECIAL SESSION; AND HOPED THAT ALL

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DELEGATIONS COULD AGREE TO WG TEXT EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT PERFECT BUT REPRESENTED SOMETHING WG REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL REGIONAL GROUPS COULD LIVE WITH. AMB CARNEIRO (BRAZIL) SUPPORTED GOPAL AND RECOMMENDED TEXT TO THE BOARD.

3. AMB CARDUCCI (ITALY) OPENED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF TEXT. FRG, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, AND US FOLLOWED LATER (IN THAT ORDER). INTERVENTIONS, WHICH WERE ORCHESTRATED, AND FULLY IN LINE WITH US POSITIONS (REFS A AND B), CENTERED ON PARAS 10, 15, AND 18, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF WORDING CHANGES ELSEWHERE. ECHEVERRIA (MEXICO), GOPAL, AND KUTAKOV (USSR) INTERVENED TO RECALL WG DISCUSSIONS ON THESE AND OTHER ITEMS, AND APPEALED AGAIN FOR CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF TEXT TAKEN AS A WHOLE. WAY OUT WAS PROVIDED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN EL WAKIL (EGYPT) WHOSE SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED THAT DEBATE BE CONCLUDED BY UNOPPOSED ADOPTION OF TEXT DESPITE PRC REJECTION DURING THEIR INTERVENTION, TO WHICH WOULD BE ATTACHED FULL RECORD OF DEBATE.

4. COMMENT: MOST WEO'S ON EXBD WERE OPPOSED TO CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF TEXT AS THEY WERE WORDED (NAMELY PARAS 10, 15, AND 18) AND BELIEVED IT NECESSARY TO SAY SO. WEO'S WERE ALSO AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT MAJORITY EXBD MEMBERS (AFRICANS, ASIANS, AND ARABS) CONSIDER ITEM A
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PREDOMINANTLY EAST-WEST ISSUE, AND THEREFORE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE LONG DEBATE AND PARA BY PARA VOTE WHICH PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CHANGES

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DESIRED BY WEO'S. ADDITIONAL ELEMENT WAS ECHEVERRIA'S PRESENCE ON WG AS SPOKESMAN FOR THIRD WORLD POSITION ON DISARMAMENT. DEBATE REVEALED ECHEVERRIA OBVIOUSLY HAD BROADENED WG DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUE WHICH IN PAST HAS BEEN MORE ESSENTIALLY EAST-WEST TURF (DURING DEBATE, ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT HE HAD ARGUED IN WG THAT DISARMAMENT IS ONE OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS TO FORMATION OF A "NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER"). IN SUM, WEO'S ALL GOT CLEAR IMPRESSION DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM THAT SINCE BOTH ECHEVERRIA AND AGIOBU-KEMMER HAD PARTICIPATED IN WG "CONSENSUS," AND COULD RECOMMEND TEXT AS IT STOOD, ANYONE INSISTING ON CHANGES WHICH MIGHT UPSET THE "BALANCE" WOULD HAVE PRODUCED VERY NEGATIVE REACTION. WEO'S BELIEVED IT EXPEDIENT, THEREFORE, TO GO ALONG WITH EL-WAKIL'S FORMULA FOR ENDING DEBATE IN COMMISSION, WHILE NOTING FOR RECORD THAT THERE MAY BE MORE TO SAY WHEN ITEM COMES BEFORE PLENARY.

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5. PERM DEL VERY APPRECIATIVE LATITUDE IN INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL A PARA 5. ANY ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS WHICH DEPT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE FOR PLENARY WOULD BE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY REGARDING PARA 10, SINCE SIGNIFICANCE OF WORDING CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY MOST MEMBERS.

6. TEXT DR-7 AS ADOPTED IS IDENTICAL TO THAT TRANSMITTED REFTEL C, EXCEPT FOR REWORDING PARA 8 AS FOLLOWS:
"NOTES THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE."
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